



Attending: Stephan Lashbrook, Chair; Lisa Lashbrook, Secretary; Howie Oakes, Treasurer; Tom Landvatter, Vice-Chair; Beth Platte; Ellen Campos; Tony Campos; Dave Stratton; Philip Stose; Nick d'Alonzo; Virginia Seitz; Ernesto Dominguez

Guest: Police Chief Luke Strait

6:35 Chair Stephan Lashbrook welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was agreed that there was no need for introductions because everyone knew everyone else.

Stephan asked if anyone had questions or concerns about the agenda. Hearing none, the meeting continued as planned.

Review of minutes of 8/12/20

Rainbow Lane Special Meeting (5:30 p.m.). Stephan asked that only those who participated in the special meeting vote on these minutes. Lisa moved and Ellen seconded to approve the minutes with one correction to the spelling of a participant's name. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting (6:30 p.m.). Stephan noted that the same correction was needed to the spelling of Dmitri's name. Beth moved and Tom seconded to approve the minutes with the one correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Strait gave the Milwaukie Police Department Report. He noted that the current Level 1 evacuation warning could be updated at any time by Emergency Services. The Chief recommended that everyone sign up with "Everbridge" for emergency notifications. (Beth posted the link in a chat.) Philip asked about rioting in downtown Portland and whether Milwaukie is making any special preparations. Chief Strait talked about recent experiences with events in

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Milwaukie, noting that the Milwaukie PD continues to do what it can to improve relations with everyone in the community. Chief Strait said that local protest events have gone smoothly. He also said that rioters are not likely to be drawn to someplace like Milwaukie because it would not generate the kind of publicity that they seem to desire. He said that Milwaukie can reach out to Clackamas County for assistance at any time. Considerable discussion followed about the recent pro-Trump parade of vehicles that came through Milwaukie on Highway 224. Ernesto asked why the parade was given the right-of-way by authorities and cross traffic was blocked for a long time. The Chief explained that he thought it best to move the parade through town as quickly as possible, rather than having it delayed in Milwaukie for several hours. He added that there really is no “playbook” telling local authorities how best to respond in these situations.

Chief Strait answered several questions about police responses to incidents on TriMet. He said that, although Milwaukie PD officers are no longer assigned to TriMet, the City police can readily respond to TriMet calls for assistance in Milwaukie.

Beth gave the Public Safety Advisory Committee Report. She reminded everyone that the public comment period for SE 43rd Avenue improvement plans will soon end.

Lisa gave the Parks & Recreation Report. She talked about the Milwaukie Parks Foundation’s fundraising campaign for the month of October. Funds raised will go towards the Nature Play area in the park. There will be several ways to take part in this; stay tuned.

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Howie gave the Treasurer's Report, saying that the treasury currently contains \$3,732.37. He added that the only PorchFest reimbursement received thus far was a \$400 check from the Hector Campbell NDA.

Old Business

Ernesto gave a status report on the Rainbow Lane Street Mural project. He said that, although more than 80% of the neighbors who responded to our letter favored the street mural, the fact that a number of people chose not to respond meant that there was no way to receive the approval of 80% of the neighbors (as currently required by the City). Ernesto said that the City Council has expressed an interest in talking about this in October. Stephan noted that the City Arts Committee intends to discuss it at their meeting on September 23 and the City Council discussion is scheduled for October 20. Discussion followed about whether the grant check (\$200) received from the Historic Milwaukie NDA should be returned to them now or that action should await the City Council discussion in October. Nick suggested that window decals could be created, showing the proposed mural design. He said that the NDA could send those decals to people who live around the SE Rainbow Lane and 55th Avenue intersection and who have expressed their support for the project. Stephan said he would put that on the October NDA agenda for a decision and he will talk to Ray Brian, chair of the Historic Milwaukie NDA, seeking his advice on what to do with the \$200. He also said he would check with the City to see if that would be a justifiable use of NDA funds.

Stephan gave an update on Milwaukie PorchFest 2020, noting that the final night is scheduled for this Friday. He pointed out that only a few PorchFest t-

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shirts remain for sale. He added that the first three Fridays have gone smoothly and the number of people performing at locations all over Milwaukie have increased from week to week. PorchFest has obviously been very well received by the public. We continue to hope that the other NDAs will follow Hector Campbell's lead and reimburse Lewelling for our donation to PorchFest.

Philip opened the discussion of SE Wichita Ave Safety concerns, restating his desire for speed bumps on that street. He added that, although most drivers are driving responsibly, there are still isolated individuals who he described as regularly driving 50 miles-per-hour on SE Wichita. Much discussion followed. Philip said that he realizes that adding speed bumps on one street is likely to increase traffic on parallel streets. Howie said he had read of cases where speed bumps actually cause drivers to speed up between the bumps. Beth pointed out that there are other possible traffic calming measures that might better be employed, or might be employed along with speed bumps. Beth said that, if a petition is circulated in the neighborhood, it should seek funds for traffic calming in general and not just speed bumps. She advised against making a hasty decision about speed bumps without further study of SE Wichita and other neighborhood streets. Nick listed several other types of calming measures that could be used, with or without speed bumps. Ellen pointed out that the Wichita Center provides services for pre-school children. Philip said that there is also a private day care facility on Wichita, as well as a church. Stephan said he will continue to keep this item on next month's agenda for further discussion. He also reminded everyone that the City will be updating the Transportation Systems Plan in 2021 and we need to be actively involved if we expect transportation improvements to happen in the Lewelling neighborhood.

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Quick updates:

- * Milwaukie Leadership Academy seeks candidates.
- * Potential diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) training for interested NDA parties. Stephan said he has not heard from anyone in our NDA interested in doing the training. Ernesto said he would be interested.
- * SE 43rd Ave. Design comments. Comment period about to close.
- * City Council Candidate Forum scheduled for October 8. Stephan said that the Linwood NDA had essentially offered its October meeting night to allow all six candidates to take part in one forum.

8:00 Adjourned – next Lewelling NDA meeting on October 14.

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